

**Media release**

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**Future2 kick-starts fundraising**

Future2, the foundation of the Australian financial planning profession, has got off to a great start with an opening balance of \$137,000.

\$37,000 was raised during the FPA National Conference, which when combined with a major donation from AMP of \$100,000 gives Future2 the ability to start its planned activities.

“As a founding donor to Future2, AMP has expressed confidence in the financial planning profession’s new foundation and – more importantly – the promise we offer of help for disadvantaged Australians”, said Future2 trustee Corinna Dieters.

The amount raised during the conference includes other donations from FPA members, including Commonwealth Financial Planning and Financial Wisdom.

A silent auction held at the SydneyLIVE gala dinner on 30 November raised in excess of \$26,000. Auction items had been donated by FPA members including Apogee Financial Planning, Asgard, Colonial First State, Genesys Wealth Advisers, Godfrey Pembroke and Magnitude Financial Planning.

“These donations are a terrific start for Future2. Our efforts this year have been on establishing a sound governance framework, engaging FPA members with our vision and identifying our first projects and partnerships”, Ms Dieters said.

“2008 is certain to be a busy year. We look forward to the leadership which Terry Power will bring as the Future2 Chair, to seeing our first funded projects develop their work with young people, and to the development of our new partnership with Whitelion.”

Whitelion is a Victorian-based charity working to reconnect disadvantaged ‘hard end’ young people with the community, Future2 will work in partnership with Whitelion and offer members of the FPA opportunities to get involved and make a difference in young people’s lives.

Future2 last week announced the appointment of Terry Power as Chair and two \$10,000 Future2 *Make a Difference* grants to :

- Future2 Financial Success, a Queensland-based Search Light project endorsed by the FPA Brisbane Chapter. The project will develop financial and life skills among Year 10 to 12 girls at a Queensland community access school.
- Access Mildura, a community based training body seeking to set up a retail outlet for young disabled and under-privileged trainees. This project is supported by the FPA Sunraysia Chapter.

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Future2 exists to support the financially under-privileged and to enable the financial planning profession and associated stakeholders to give back to the community from which they draw their livelihoods. A key factor differentiating Future2 from other foundations is the strong link it seeks to establish with FPA members who will assist with project identification, fundraising and promoting the foundation’s work in the community.